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PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q67859

Mitsuru SAWANO

Appln. No.: 10/026,762

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 9789

Examiner: Bruce H. Hess

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND RECORDING SHEET FOR
USE THEREWITH

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated June 10, 2003, Applicant elects Group II, claims 5-10 for examination. This election is made without traverse. It is noted that claim 10 was originally in Group I, directed to a process, but in view of the accompanying Amendment, which changes claim 10 to an apparatus claim dependent upon claim 5, claim 10 should also be examined with the Group II claims.

It is understood that no Election of Species is needed in view of the fact that the Requirement for Election of Species is contingent upon election of Groups I or III, neither of which has been elected.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected
Groups I and III.

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Date: July 10, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Mexic", written over a horizontal line.

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